



Government Seizes Mines

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

ALEX. H. WASHBURN

The Government Takes Over
Make an Example of Lewis

Over the teletype this morning came the news all America was expecting: The government has seized the coal mines.

Allies Deliver Heavy Raid on German Cities —Europe

London, May 1—(AP)—The RAF made a "heavy attack" last night on Essen and other Ruhr valley targets in Western Germany and today several squadrons of heavy bombers, believed to be American Liberators of Fortresses or both, flew across the channel to continue the assault on the Nazi war potential.

The daylight bombers flew at great height and appeared headed for the Cherbourg peninsula, perhaps found a new Hitler's submarine bases.

The air ministry announced 13 bombers were lost last night during the fourth attack of April on the Ruhr valley, concentration point of heavy German steel and coal in.

The German communiqué, recorded from Berlin broadcasts, said considerable damage was caused at Essen and other places in Western Germany.

Continental weather conditions probably caused the raiders to scatter over several targets instead of using one saturation raid, observers said. The other objectives were not immediately identified.

The most recent visit to the much-bombed Ruhr area was Monday night when the RAF battered Duisburg, 12 miles west of Essen, in the second raid on that river port in a month.

Essen has been bombed 55 times since the beginning of the war and 900 tons of blockbusters were dropped on it in the last previous raid April 3.

Photographs taken during the following days showed the vital Krupp works there was idle for 10 days because of the damage.

Last night's losses brought the toll of RAF bombers to 602 since the beginning of the year. The losses were not unexpected considering the fact that the weight on bombs delivered on each mission has tripled since last year.

Indicative of the new tempo of the air offensive is the rise in monthly losses: 75 in January, 164 in February, 138 in March and 164 in April.

The RAF had a lull in its bombings of Germany after hitting the Naval base at Wilhelmshaven and heavily mining Baltic waters Wednesday night.

Spitfires damaged an enemy mine-layer off the coast of Brittany yesterday and Mustangs of the Army Cooperation Command attacked Axis transport in Northern France.

Films to Be Shown at Christian Church

A showing of film-slide pictures will feature the Sunday night service at the First Christian Church. This film strip was produced by The Religious Film Association and was prepared by Dr. Abbott Book, a religious educator of the Disciples of Christ. The film will present the Parables of Jesus and will be accompanied by a lecture by the pastor, the Rev. Millard W. Baggett.

The service will begin at 8:00 o'clock.

War Workers Salute The Flag Nightly

Cadron, N. J. (AP)—The day after the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor, 40 men and five women on the night shift in the RCA-Victor automatic screw machine shop met at lunch.

Someone in the group pulled a paper from his pocket and began to read aloud the Pledge of Allegiance. And as a result, each working night the group lines up with Foreman Willard Smith and recites the pledge, while saluting a flag that looks as if it had been to war.

The Wombat is an Australian rodent-like animal all of whose teeth are of continuous growth.

The first U. S. yachts were built and sailed in New York harbor early in the 19th century.

The Chinese utilize wood-carving lavishly in their home architecture.

Three Arkansans Are War Casualties

Washington, May 1—(AP)—Three Arkansans — two missing and one killed — were included in the names of 64 soldiers missing in action and 176 soldiers killed in action made public by the War Department today.

Tech. Sgt. Louis B. Kirkpatrick, son of Mrs. Yelta B. Kirkpatrick, Mountain Home, was listed as missing in action in the European theater, and Major Harold N. Chaffin, son of Mrs. Hattie E. Chaffin, Route 1, Box 48, Fort Smith, was listed as missing in action in the southwest Pacific area.

Listed as killed in action in the Pacific area was Staff Sgt. Thomas E. Tedford, brother of William K. Tedford, 814 Orange, North Little Rock.

Sub Menace Indicated in Both Oceans

Washington, May 1 (AP)—Signs that the German U-boats soon may be the hunters in North Atlantic sea lanes coincided today with hints that Japanese subs have shifted their undersized strategy and started raiding South Pacific supply lines in Nazi wolf-pack style.

Reversal of the German role was seen in a Canadian announcement disclosing realignment of commands and greatly expanded protection for vital convoys moving between Canada and England. The switch in Japanese undersize tactics hitherto limited largely to battle action in conjunction with warships — was indicated in a communiqué from General Douglas MacArthur's Allied headquarters in Australia. It said the Japanese have opened a submarine attack "in some force in the waters east of Australia."

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The miners have, of course, been misled. They have listened once too often to John L. Lewis — when the natural dictates of heart and mind should have told them to listen to President Roosevelt. This is one of those times in a republic where one man talks — and only one.

House Group Asks Approval of Tax Plan

Washington, May 1 (AP)—In formal reports, the House Ways and Means committee's Democratic majority called upon Congress today to support its compromise pay-as-you-go tax plan while the Republican minority pressed anew for passage of the Rumfords' alternative.

The Democrats called the Rumfords' "unfair, a gross violation of the principle of ability to pay," while the minority countered with an assertion the opposition compromise was "a step child of political pressure" and "a conglomeration of stubborn differences."

"Under the committee bill," said the Democrats, "there will be no doubling up for more than seven million new tax payers, and the other taxpayers while forced to undergo some doubling up will receive substantial reduction of their 1942 tax."

The Rumfords, said the Republicans, "is the outgrowth of reason and common sense. It is as sound as it is simple. It meets the need for putting the income tax system on a genuine ability to pay basis by gearing current tax payments to current income, thereby relieving all tax payers of any overhanging income tax debt."

The two reports were filed only a few days after the administration, through Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, threw its weight behind the compromise version, designed to cancel approximately 40 per cent of last year's individual tax obligations.

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Band Festival to Close With Concert Sunday

The band festival and clinic, sponsored by the South Arkansas Band Association, will close a 3-day session here Sunday afternoon with a concert given by a selected group of students attending the clinic. The concert marks the opening of National Music Week.

Representatives of bands arriving Saturday were from Newport, El Dorado, Emmet, Texarkana, and Ashdown. Those taking part in yesterday's activities were Monticello, Warren, Dumas, Camden, Nashville, Washington, Stamps, and Hope.

The concert will be conducted by the following band directors: Lee Wallie, Monticello, Mrs. Fay Parker, Stamps, Ruel Oliver, Nashville, Raymond Branan, Texarkana, Leonard Fulker, El Dorado, Mrs. Carolyn Birney, Ouachita College, R. E. Lindblad, Emmet, L. E. Crumpler, Camden, C. Parker, Minden, La., and Thomas Lavin of Hope.

Due to wartime transportation restrictions, many towns and cities were unable to send representatives. During the 3 days more than 250 registered.

The concert will be held at 1:30 Sunday afternoon in the Hope High School Gymnasium. The public is invited.

Long-Awaited Martinique Crisis Near

Washington, May 1—The long-awaited showdown on Martinique — problem child of the Caribbean since the Fall of France in 1940 — appeared at hand today.

Only segment of the French colonial empire neither occupied by the Axis nor at war with it, the island territory administered by Admiral Georges Robert was cut off from informal relations with the United States by order of Secretary of State Hull but kept under closest surveillance by the American Navy.

Both Navy and state departments awaited "further developments" without indicating what they might be. But fighting French headquarters here regarded Robert as caught between Washington's official disavowal and the rebellious discontent of hungry islanders, and predicted this discontent would soon find expression in action.

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Navy Secretary Knox yesterday said no reply had yet been received to the blistering note in which Secretary Hull informed Robert the United States could no longer "recognize or negotiate with any French representative."

The texts, however, left no doubt that Moscow would not recognize any regime it regarded as "reactionary" and representing the interests of "magnates and landowners."

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Stalin Predicts New Allied Front in 1943

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Premier Joseph Stalin called upon the Red Armies today for still greater blows against Adolf Hitler's invaders, forecast the opening of an Allied second front in Europe this year, and scornfully rejected what he termed the German "babble about peace."

"What kind of peace can one talk with the imperialistic bandits from the German Fascist camp who have drawn Europe in blood and studded it with gallows?" Stalin asked.

Only the utter routing of the Hitlerite armies and the unconditional surrender of Hitlerites German can bring peace to Europe."

Reds Wipe Out Bridgehead in Kuban Area

By EDDY GILMORE
Moscow, May 1 (AP)—Major air battles continued up and down the long Russian front today with the sharpest fights above the narrow Kuban bridgehead in the Western Caucasus, while of the Donets river front a company of Nazi automatic riflemen who forced the river were exterminated or forced to swim back to safety through the icy waters.

The Donets action was south of Izium in the sector 70 miles southeast of Kharkov. The noon communiqué said the greater part of the Germans who crossed were wiped out and "only a few managed to swim back to the right bank." A company nominally numbered 250 men.

The latest communiqué and dispatches told of no renewed land activity in the Kuban, but there was no reason to believe the Red Army was not still driving against the foe deployed between Novorossiysk and the Taman peninsula leading to the Crimea.

The German high command said "German and Romanian troops again achieved great defensive success in the Kuban bridgehead yesterday," the communiqué, broadcast by the Berlin radio and received by the Associated Press, said the Russians attacked with strong tank, artillery and air support, but were bloodily repulsed.

Russian Stormovik planes were credited with destroying "dozens of enemy guns while assisting land troops." Continued raids were made on railroad stations and other communications, day and night.

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Hold Everything



"My girl sure is romantic—
calls me her knight in shining armor!"

Guadalcanal Diary



"Cresswell's men rolled the Japs toward us..."



"In a few seconds they were squashed down."



"Our tanks pivoted and turned, spitting yellow flame, flushing men from under their treads."

explosion of the shell was a canopy of dirty gray smoke and debris shedding over the Jap from above, and then swallowing him altogether.

A rumbling of powerful motors came from behind us. We turned to find a group of four tanks moving down the trail through the coconut palms, heading for the Teneru and the spit of sand across its mouth. We watched these awful machines as they plunged across the spit and into the edge of the grove, pivoting, turning, spitting sheets of yellow flame. It was like a comedy of toys, something unbelievable, to see them knocking over palm trees which

fell slowly, flushing the running figures of men from under their treads. Group after group were flushed out and shot.

I saw a bright orange flash amidst a cloud of black smoke bursting directly under the treads of our tank, saw it stop suddenly, crippled. The other tanks moved in progressively towards it, took off the crew, and continued to roar and rattle through the grove. Everywhere they turned in their swiveling course, their canon jettisoned sheets of orange flame. It seemed improbable that any life could exist under their deadly assault.

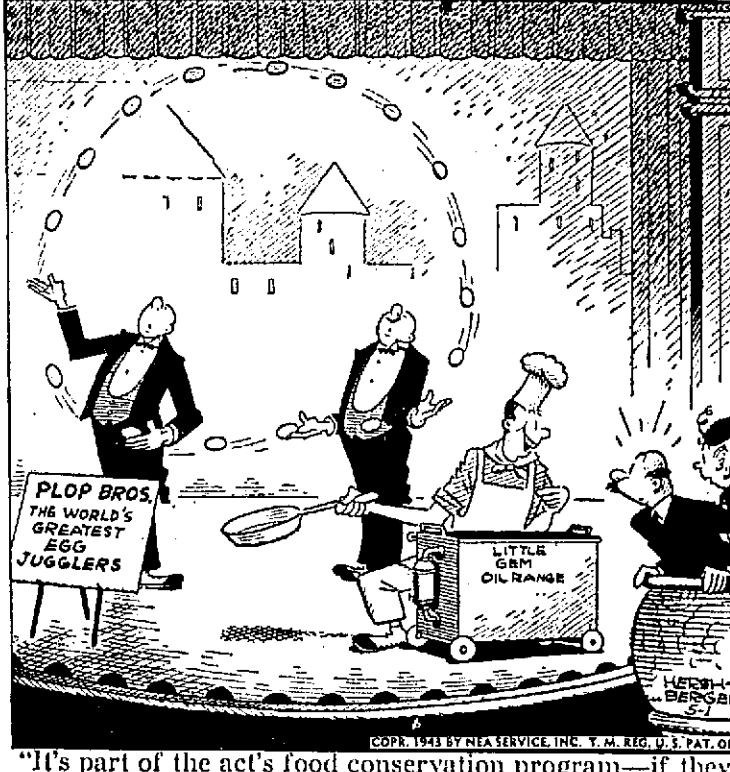
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By Galbraith



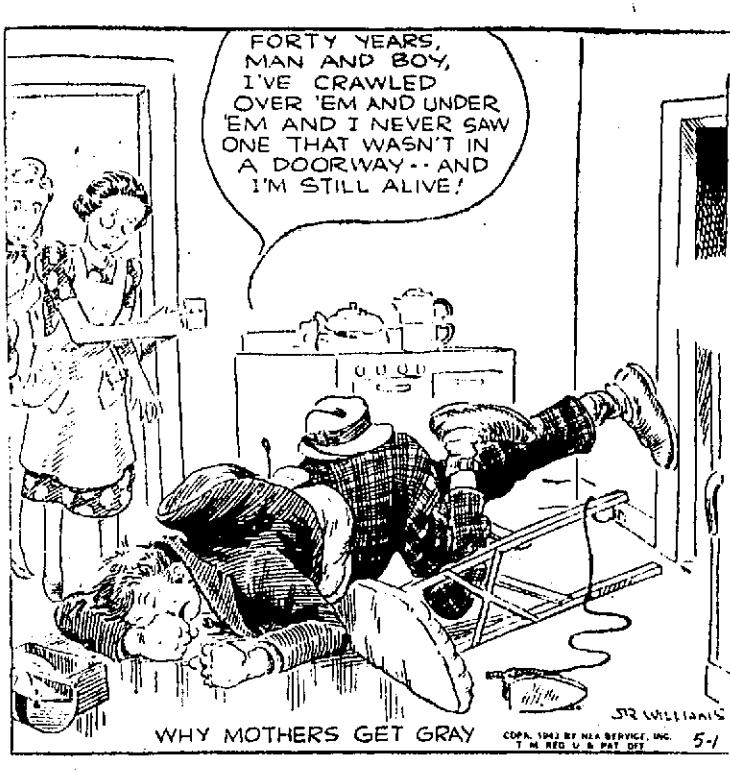
"Henry wouldn't miss turning that program off for anything!"

FUNNY BUSINESS



"It's part of the act's food conservation program—if they drop one we fry it right away!"

OUT OUR WAY



By J. R. Williams

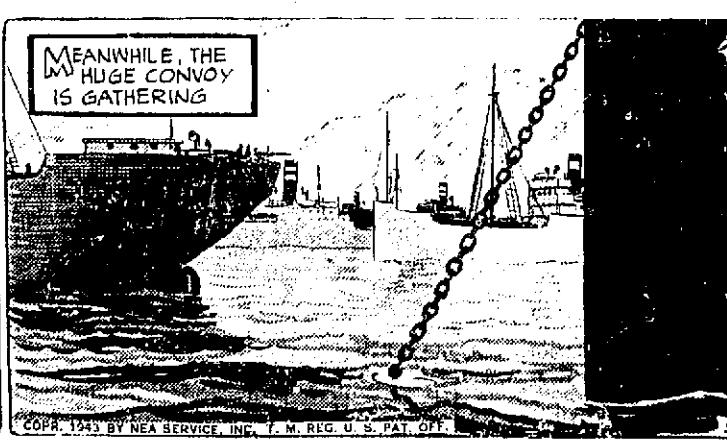


OUR BOARDING HOUSE with Major Hoople

Wash Tubbs



Proof of The Pudding



Donald Duck



The One That Didn't Get Away!



By Roy Crane

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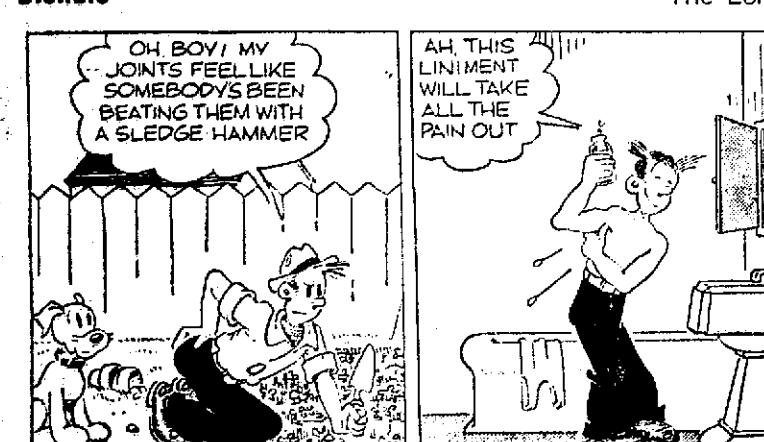


Ready for 'Em



By Fred Harman

Blondie



The Lone Wolf!



By Chic Young

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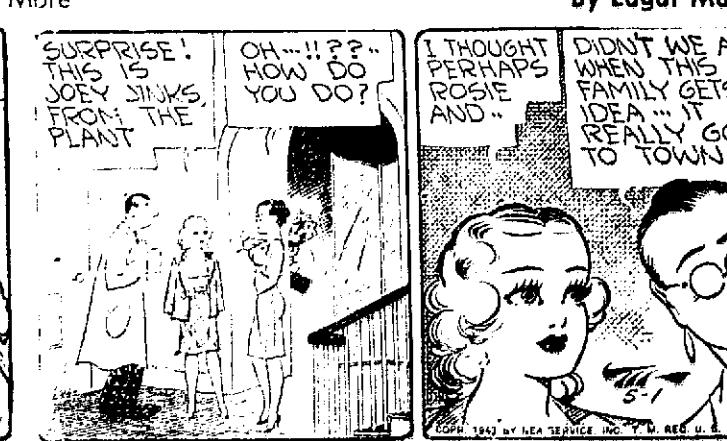
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Boots and Her Buddies

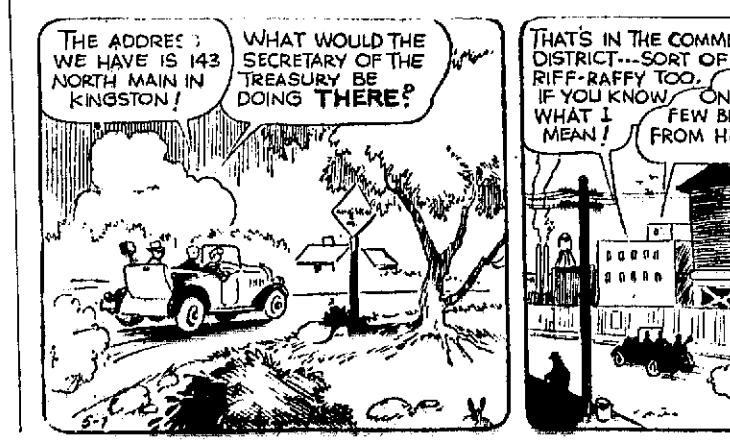


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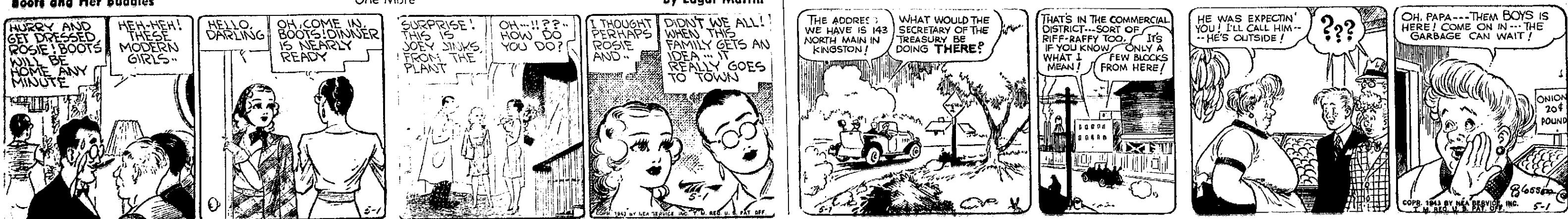
By Edgar Martin

Freckles and His Friends



Slumming

By Merrill Blosser



Social and Personal

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Social Calendar

Monday, May 3rd

A business meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will be held at the church, 2:30 o'clock.

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church will meet at the church, 6:45 o'clock.

A special birthday meeting for members of the Women's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church will be held at the church, 3 o'clock. The executive board will meet at 2:30 o'clock.

Circle No. 1 of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church, home of Mrs. Parker, leader, home of Mrs. L. W. Young with Mrs. J. W. Cox and Mrs. Lex Helms, associate hostesses, 3 o'clock.

Circle No. 2 of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church, home of Mrs. Graydon Anthony with Mrs. Kenneth Hamilton and Mrs. Rob Jones, co-hostesses, 3 o'clock. Circle leaders are Mrs. R. D. Franklin and Mrs. Edwin Ward.

Circle No. 3 of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church, home of Mrs. John Arnold with Mrs. T. R. Billingsley, associate hostess, 3 o'clock. Mrs. W. C. Miller and Miss Mamie Brum will be in charge.

Circle No. 4 of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. C. D. Lauterbach and Mrs. J. P. Byers, leaders, home of Mrs. C. D. Lester and Mrs. E. E. White, 3 o'clock.

The Wesleyan Guild of the First Methodist church will be entertained by Mrs. Kelly Bryant, 3 o'clock.

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Additional Home Nursing Classes to Begin Next Week

Mrs. Leon Bundy, chairman of the Hempstead County chapter of the Home Nursing department of the American Red Cross, announced today that the third class in home nursing will begin next week. She pointed out that classes are limited in size in order to assure individual instruction. Local women interested in taking the course should call Mrs. Bundy immediately.

On Tuesday, April 27, under the direction of Mrs. Edythe S. Ratcliff, R. N., the following Patmos ladies started the 24-hour course: Mrs. Walter Ratcliff, Mrs. Robert Rider, Miss Aileen Lester, Miss Virginia Hunt, Miss Marjorie Rollins, Miss Mary Mayton, Mrs. Herman Stafford, Mrs. Cleve Mayton, Mrs. Lester Cox, Mrs. Lloyd Jones, Mrs. Lewis Prenter, Mrs. Blant Jones, Mrs. Earl Upchurch, Mrs. Mattie Radloff, Mrs. Roy Hunt, Mrs. B. Hunt, Miss Ester Atcock, Miss Emma Jean Hunt, Mrs. Brian Camp, Mrs. Jonnie Griffin, Mrs. Edith Rider, Mrs. Bob Mayton, and Mrs. Jess Kennedy.

Sweet home ladies who have registered for a class being taught by

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President Roosevelt says one of the things which impressed him on his twenty - state tour was the benefit in physical condition and mental alertness that men and women in service and war - workers' uniforms have realized.

He thinks the camps and industrial plants ought to be put to good use after the war, possibly by requiring the Youth of America to give a year's service to the country. He has no specific program and expresses the view that any plan developed probably would be only partly military.

A lot of people, especially parents of boys under military age, have been doing a deal of thinking along that line lately. They're interested in the physical and mental training, and the character building, but it cuts deeper than that.

Despite the fact their children may not be called for duty in the present conflict, these parents have reached the conclusion that they don't want their lads to have to go into some future war without thorough training. Of course, the hope is that there won't be any further wars, but if the present conflagration has taught us anything it is that security depends on preparedness.

Preparedness of the individual means security not only for him but for his country. Green troops which go into battle will suffer terrible casualties until they have learned the tricks of war in the hard and bloody war. And while they are learning, they may have lost the war experienced forces.

The well - trained, well - armed man is the one who will live the longest. The well - trained, well - armed is the one which will render the best defense of its country.

Having reached this conclusion, many parents are figuring on sending their young hopefuls to military academies as soon as they reach the age for preparatory schooling. With this education a young man would come up to his compulsory military service with a good background.

Think that's too hard - boiled? Well, it doesn't represent the ruminating of an arm - chair bachelor, for I have a small boy of my own, and I've seen plenty of war at first hand. I hate the bloody business but believe the common - sense way is to be prepared for it.

A generation ago compulsory military service didn't suit this democratic country. As a matter of fact we didn't need it, because we were safe behind our ocean barriers. But things have changed.

The other day the Royal Air Force announced an aviator had made a record North Atlantic flight from Newfoundland to the United Kingdom — in six hours and twenty minutes. When the ocean can be spanned that quickly, it means the United States no longer enjoys the security of isolation.

We don't need to think of military training in terms of any such arduous and time consuming process as is seen in militaristic Germany. That represents an extreme which, of course, is abhorrent to us.

German boys serve in the Hitler youth movement between the ages of ten and eighteen. They then do three years compulsory military service, after which they are in the reserve for fourteen years and in the Landwehr, or home defense, for nine years more.

The thing that has interested me most about the Nazi training has been that devoted to the youth movement. I was German not long before the war and must admit that never have I seen finer physical specimens than one encountered in the teen age lads who were undergoing intensive exercise in the labor groups and other corps.

Heaven forbid that we emulate the Boche, but after all they have demonstrated what physical training can do.

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